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## **Colombia**

# **Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards**

## **Colombia Revokes Free Port Status for Poultry and Sugar**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Colombia Revokes Free Port Status for Poultry and Sugar for Ports in the Uraba Region**

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Includes PSD changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
Unscheduled Report  
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On August 9, 2001, the Colombian Customs Agency, *Direccion de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales* (DIAN), issued a resolution (7002) revoking the free import status for certain poultry product and sugar for the ports in the area of Uraba in northwestern Colombia. In practice, what this means is that imports of certain poultry products and sugar into ports in this region will now be subject to existing Colombian regulations that apply to poultry and sugar importations. Before the resolution, poultry products could be imported into the region without being subject to absorption requirements and without Colombian basic and Andean Community variable duties, which normally are either 42 or 91 percent, depending on the product.

The justification for the measure was apparent abuses on the free zone status for these imports, in that the importer of these products were shipping out the region to larger urban markets in Colombia. According to Colombian law, products allowed special import status in the free zone must be consumed within the zone.

The poultry and sugar products included in the resolution were:

<b>HS Code</b>	<b>Product</b>
02.07.13.00.00	Fresh/chilled chicken parts
02.07.14.00.00	Frozen chicken parts
02.07.26.00.00	Fresh/chilled turkey parts
02.07.27.00.00	Frozen turkey parts
02.07.35.00.00	Other fresh/chilled edible poultry parts
02.07.36.00.00	Other frozen edible poultry parts
17.01	Cane/beet sugar and saccharose chemically pure

Our understanding is that product shipments already at port or in bonded areas at the port have 60 days from the date of the resolution to be nationalized or re-embarked. Also, this period can be extended another 60 days upon request. For product in transit, if the bill of lading shows that the product was shipped before the date of the resolution, the above grace period will also apply. However, any product shipped after the date of the resolution will be subject to the normal Colombian import requirements.